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2. (As Filed) The device of Claim 1, wherein the positioning of the neonate is accomplished without direct physical contact between a caregiver and the neonate.

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3. (As Filed) The device of Claim 1, further comprising a fastening means for coupling each of the support members to a portion of the conformable member.

4. (As Filed) The device of ~~Claim 3~~, wherein the fastening means comprises a plurality of hollow sleeves, coupled to a portion of said conformable member, wherein each hollow sleeve has an open end to insertably receive one of the plurality of support members.

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5. (As Filed) The device of Claim 1, wherein each of the support members is removably coupled to the conformable member.

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(Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the conformable member comprises a material having a density sufficient for cushioning the neonate.

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7. (As Filed) The device of ~~Claim 1~~, wherein the conformable member comprises a structure taken from the group consisting of a padded blanket and a padded mattress.

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8. (As Filed) The device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of support members comprises:

a transverse support member coupled substantially transversely along a head end of the conformable member; and

at least one lateral support member coupled substantially laterally along a lateral edge of the conformable member.

9. (As Filed) The device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of support members comprises a pair of lateral support members coupled substantially along opposing lateral edges, the pair of support members defining a torso area on the conformable member.

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~~10.~~ (As Filed) The device of Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of support members comprises a sealable collapsible bag having a filler material.

~~8~~ ~~11.~~ (As Filed) The device of Claim ~~10~~, wherein the filler material is taken from the group consisting of polystyrene beads, down feathers, resilient foam, air, liquid, flaxseed and silicon gel.

~~12.~~ (As Filed) The device of Claim ~~1~~, wherein the support members define a torso area on a portion of the conformable member which provides support to the neonate placed thereon in either a supine, a prone, and a side-lying position.

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~~13.~~ (As Filed) The device of Claim 1, wherein movement of at least one of the plurality of support members allows the position of the neonate to vary from a first posture to a second posture.

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~~10~~ ~~14.~~ (As Filed) The device of Claim ~~13~~, wherein the first and the second postures comprise a supine, a prone, and a side-lying position.

~~15.~~ (Amended) A positioning device for positioning an infant, the device comprising:
a substantially conforming member;
at least two support members coupled to a portion of said conforming member to define a torso area thereon, each of said support members being moveable from a first position to a second position, movement of at least one support member capable of causing the position of the neonate to vary from a first posture to a second posture in response to the movement.

~~16.~~ (As Filed) The device of Claim ~~15~~, wherein the repositioning of the infant is accomplished while avoiding human touch between the infant and a caregiver.

~~17.~~ (Amended) An infant positioning device comprising:
means for an infant from a first posture to a second posture without the aid of human touch being applied to the infant.

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18. (Amended) A method for repositioning an infant, the method comprising: placing an infant on a conformable member in a first posture; and manipulating a support member between a first position and a second position to cause the infant to move from the first posture to a second posture.

19. (Amended) The method of Claim 18, wherein said manipulating comprises minimizing human touch between the infant and a caregiver.

~~Claim 20 is canceled.~~

~~Please add Claim 21.~~

21. (New) A device for maintaining proper positioning and bodily alignment of a neonate, the device comprising:
a pad defining an area large enough to accommodate a neonate; and
two or more support members each coupled to said pad, each support member being moveable from a first position where each of said support members are conformed to a first posture of said neonate to a second position where each of said support members is conformed to a second posture of said neonate.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 15, and 17-19 have been amended. Claim 20 has been canceled. Claim 21 has been added, with no new matter being added thereby. Applicants respectfully request re-examination and re-consideration of the pending claims.

Claim 6 is objected to because of informalities, which Applicants have corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Claim 6 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Berger (USPN 5,351,348). Applicants overcome the rejection, as follows:

Claim 1 sets forth a device for supporting and positioning a neonate having a plurality of support members movable from a first position to a second position. When in the second

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